



HOW I MET YOUR MOTHER

SEASON 1 EPISODE 9: Belly full of turkey



BEFORE YOU WATCH

INTRODUCTION

1. What do you know about Thanksgiving? Where is it celebrated? When is it celebrated? How do people celebrate it? What do they usually do on this day?
2. Brainstorming: words related to Thanksgiving.

THANKSGIVING VOCABULARY

Match the words in A with its definition in B.

A	B
1. turkey	a. a public holiday in the US and in Canada when families have a large meal together to celebrate and be thankful for food, health, families etc.
2. cider	b. to drink a glass of wine etc to thank someone, wish someone luck, or celebrate something.
3. cranberry	c. a religious person who travels a long way to a holy place.
4. pea	d. a bird that looks like a large chicken and is often eaten at Christmas and at Thanksgiving.
5. merriment	e. a small red sour fruit.
6. Thanksgiving	f. a round green seed that is cooked and eaten as a vegetable.
7. feast	g. to crush something, especially a food that has been cooked, until it is soft and smooth.
8. mash	h. a large meal where a lot of people celebrate a special occasion.
9. pilgrim	i. laughter, fun, and enjoyment.
10. toast	j. an alcoholic drink made from apples.

SUMMARY

It's Thanksgiving and while Lily and Marshall visit his family in Minnesota, Robin and Ted want to volunteer at a homeless shelter kitchen. Surprisingly, Robin and Ted meet Barney at the kitchen, who has been doing volunteer work for the past few years. At the kitchen, Ted meets Amanda, who seems to be a quite nice girl until everything turns out to be different. Lily has some issues with Marshall's family and is unsure about how her future with Marshall will look like.

CHAPTER VOCABULARY

Match the words in A with its definition in B.

A	B
1. I just ralphed	a. When you help without getting any money in return
2. Shuttle	b. A process or period in which a person is tested, in order to start working
3. Homeshelter	c. People who are poor
4. To be on probation	d. To be excited about something
5. To be psyched about something	e. A place to live
6. Unpaid help	f. A plane, bus or a train that makes regular short journeys
7. Less fortunate	g. I just vomited

WHILE YOU WATCH

1. LISTENING ACTIVITY. Listen to this part of the episode and fill in the blanks.

donations – to do – have you met – into – take out – coming – what do you do
charity work (x2) – gonna introduce you – used to be – enough woman – gonna
need – put – business – glory – start

INT. HOMELESS SHELTER KITCHEN

Ted: This is crazy. When did it get so hard to do (1) _____ ?

Robin: I do (2) _____ all the time. Remember when I said I'd find you a girlfriend.

Ted: Ha ha. Delightful. How is that little project (3) _____ anyway?

Robin: I'm working on it. I'm (4) _____ to that girl you've been staring at.

Ted: What? That's crazy, I haven't been staring at any girl...

Robin: (5) _____ Ted?

Ted: Hi, I'm the aforementioned Ted, and this is...

Ted: ... gone.

Amanda: I'm Amanda.

Ted: Hi.

Amanda: So, (6) _____ here, Ted?

Ted: Well, I've been...nothing. I do nothing.

Amanda: If you want to do something, you and your girlfriend can help sort through these (7)

_____.
Robin: Oh, um, I'm not his girlfriend. I (8) _____ but, um, I just wasn't (9)

_____ for Ted, emotionally or sexually. Oh my God.

Ted: So, Amanda, what do you (10) _____ us (11) _____?

Amanda: OK, this is important. Go through all these boxes of food donations, (12) _____ the really good stuff and (13) _____ it (14) _____ this box.

Ted: Got it. Consider it sorted.

Robin: Hey, we're in (15) _____.

Ted: Hey, Barney's not (16) _____ all the (17) _____ today.

Ted: Let's (18) _____ with this one.

Robin: Yeah.

2. While you watch the episode, correct the following sentences:

- 1) Thanksgiving in New York is a depressing time. _____
- 2) Thanks-tini is a drink which tastes like a chicken dinner. _____
- 3) Canadians celebrate Thanksgiving in December. _____
- 4) Marshal's family is going to play basketball. _____
- 5) Barney works as a volunteer just on Thanksgiving. _____
- 6) Lili is helping Marshal's mother prepare the turkey. _____
- 7) Lili left the house when the dinner was over. _____
- 8) Ted was helping Amanda steal food from the homeless. _____
- 9) Barney was working as a volunteer because he wanted to. _____
- 10) Barney, Ted and Robin ended up having Thanksgiving dinner in a restaurant. _____

